

News from P.I.T. (Priest in Training)



One of the most compelling things about our Catholic faith is our understanding of redemptive suffering—so much so that one couple I know specifically converted from Protestantism to Catholicism because of this! In their previous church, there was little understanding of how to fit suffering within the greater scheme of things. One can be tempted to believe that suffering is a sign of God's displeasure, whereas a lack of suffering is a sign of God's favor. Yet, upon reading the lives of the saints, we find that the opposite is almost true!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, for example, rejoiced on Good Friday one year when she received the first sign of the tuberculosis which would take her life at age 24: "Ah! my soul was filled with a great consolation; I was interiorly persuaded that Jesus, on the anniversary of His own death, wanted to have me hear His first call. It was like a sweet and distant murmur that announced the Bridegroom's arrival." To be honest, such words from the saints can feel naïve or unrealistic as we are tempted to think, "Yeah, but they're so far beyond me in sanctity," or "But that was a different time and place..." Yet, human they were, and human are we.

JP2's encyclical Salvifici Doloris explores the theology of suffering in great depth, and we would do well to heed this saint's words of wisdom. For instance, he writes, "The springs of divine power gush forth precisely in the midst of human weakness. Those who share in the sufferings of Christ preserve in their own sufferings a very special particle of the infinite treasure of the world's Redemption, and can share this treasure with others." Suffering can be an opportunity for intimacy with Jesus, intercession for others, and the salvation of our souls. We are all going to face trials and death anyways, so why not let Jesus give them meaning?

Our world has lost the significance of suffering as it has lost the significance of Jesus' cross. This is why we see even traditionally Christian countries like Portugal legalizing physician-assisted suicide, while others like Canada are already passing legislation to extend their medically assisted suicides to include "circumstances where a person's sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness." (see canada.ca)

Let's be clear: asking physicians who have taken the Hippocratic Oath to inject you or your loved one with toxic quantities of chemicals *with the intention of shortening your life* is the opposite of 'dying with dignity'. While watching another suffer is a great suffering in itself, what suffering people need is accompaniment, not euthanizing. The sick, mentally ill, and dying have inherent dignity. Their existence is valuable! And *while there is nothing wrong with lessening someone's pain* (with painkillers, for instance), there is something very wrong with intentionally hastening someone's death (even with painkillers). This line can be very thin, but it's no less important: the catechism equates euthanasia to murder. (CCC 2276-9)

Finally, the sick and elderly elicit sacrificial love from their family and community—we should not resent them for that, but thank them and assure them that they are **not** 'forgotten', 'worthless', or 'unwanted'! The difference between St. Thérèse's disposition towards death and medically euthanizing humans is the difference between "thy will be done" and "my will be done". Like the 7 Sacraments (or the Trinity for that matter), human suffering is indeed a mystery—not in the sense that it is irrational or unsolved, but in the sense that its significance is inexhaustible! Let us therefore trust in our good Lord, even in the face of darkness—for it is there that His light can shine all the more brilliantly.

Father James



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

9:00 am † Pablito Rubin, by His Wife & Children 6:30 pm No Spanish Mass

Tuesday, May 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Int Joe Glasgow, by Shirley Staples6:30 pm † Frances Fronczak, by Mary Krcmarik & Family7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, May 31 - Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 pm † Alceste Piera, by Ida Phillips
12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr

6:30 am † Chief Nathiel & Rebecca Ogowewo, by Akangbou Family
 8:00 am Int Mila Lanuza, by Shirley Staples
 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, June 2 - Sts. Marcelinus & Peter, Martyrs

8:00 am † Trinidad Sanchez, by Family 12:00 pm Int In Thanksgiving

Saturday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30 am † Patrice Klasinski
9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
4:00 pm Vigil - The Most Holy Trinity
 † Dennis Carreon, by Family
 † Bradley Carreon, by Family

Sunday, June 4 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
Int Parratore Family, by Family
10:00 am † Aileen Mongeau, by Mary Nemetz
(Live Streamed)
12:00 pm Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy

5:30 pm † Valsamma Joseph



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions.

- 1. Tom Gorski
- 2. Rita Hogan
- 3. Good Health
- 4. Baby Riley Chick
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Baby Cerina Skye
- 8. The Deceased

- 9. Christopher Shea
- 10. Healing
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. The Sick
- 13. Anthony M Loquercio, Jr
- 14. Rostan Family
- 15. Vocations
- 16. The Homeless

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

June 3 & 4

Father M	lichael will p	reach at all Masses.
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney

We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

For our sick, confined and their families.

and their families.
David Bakke
Alfredo Chavez
Baby Riley Chick
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Mary Dunbar
Bridget Garry
Patricia Gebhardt
David Griffins
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph

Baby Penelope Keene

Rev. Don McLaughlin

Michelle Maeirs

Kristen Manning Susan Massett

Susan Mennenga

Bill Morse La Moua Charlene Oates Flo Paprzycki Diane Pazos Valerie Plesha Jim & Carol Pluskota Jackie Schiable Julia Schremp Christopher Shea Diane Singer **Hedy Sterling** Thomas F. Sterling John Swanston Rev. Gerald Tivy Bernice Tokarski Kathy Walowski Judy Wiltgen

Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.

Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.



Noticias del P.I.T. (Sacerdote en formación)



Una de las cosas más convincentes de nuestra fe Católica es nuestra comprensión del sufrimiento redentor, ¡tanto que una pareja que conozco se convirtió específicamente del Protestantismo al Catolicismo debido a esto! En su iglesia anterior, había poca comprensión de cómo encajar el sufrimiento dentro del esquema general de las cosas. Uno puede verse tentado a creer que el sufrimiento es una señal del desagrado de Dios, mientras que la falta de sufrimiento es una señal del favor de Dios. Sin embargo, al leer las vidas de los santos, ¡encontramos que lo contrario es casi cierto!

Santa Teresa de Lisieux, por ejemplo, se regocijó el Viernes Santo de un año cuando recibió los primeros

síntomas de la tuberculosis que le quitaría la vida a los 24 años: "¡Âh! mi alma se llenó de un gran consuelo; Estaba persuadido interiormente de que Jesús, en el aniversario de su propia muerte, quería que yo escuchara su primera llamada. Era como un murmullo dulce y lejano que anunciaba la llegada del Esposo". Para ser honesto, tales palabras de los santos pueden parecer ingenuas o poco realistas, ya que estamos tentados a pensar: "Sí, pero están mucho más allá de mí en santidad", o "Pero ese fue un tiempo y lugar diferente..." Sin embargo, humanos eran ellos, y humanos somos nosotros.

La encíclica Salvifici Doloris de Juan Pablo II explora la teología del sufrimiento en gran profundidad, y haríamos bien en prestar atención a las sabias palabras de este santo. Por ejemplo, escribe: "Los manantiales del poder divino brotan precisamente en medio de la debilidad humana. Los que comparten los sufrimientos de Cristo conservan en sus propios sufrimientos una partícula muy especial del tesoro infinito de la Redención del mundo, y pueden compartir este tesoro con los demás". El sufrimiento puede ser una oportunidad para la intimidad con Jesús, la intercesión por los demás y la salvación de nuestras almas. Todos vamos a enfrentar pruebas y muerte de todos modos, entonces, ¿por qué no dejar que Jesús les dé significado?

Nuestro mundo ha perdido el significado del sufrimiento como ha perdido el significado de la cruz de Jesús. Es por eso que vemos que incluso países tradicionalmente Cristianos como Portugal legalizan el suicidio asistido por un médico, mientras que otros como Canadá ya están aprobando leyes para extender sus suicidios asistidos médicamente para incluir "circunstancias en las que la única condición médica subyacente de una persona es una enfermedad mental" (ver canada.ca).

Seamos claros: pedirle a los médicos que han tomado el Juramento Hipocrático que te inyecten a ti o a tu ser querido cantidades tóxicas de químicos *con la intención de acortar tu vida* es lo opuesto a "morir con dignidad". Si bien ver sufrir a otro es un gran sufrimiento en sí mismo, lo que necesita la gente que sufre es acompañamiento, no eutanasia. Los enfermos, los enfermos mentales y los moribundos tienen una dignidad inherente. ¡Su existencia es valiosa! Y *aunque no hay nada de malo en disminuir el dolor de alguien* (con analgésicos, por ejemplo), hay algo muy malo en acelerar intencionalmente la muerte de alguien (incluso con analgésicos). Esta línea puede ser muy delgada, pero no por ello menos importante: el catecismo equipara la eutanasia al asesinato (CCC 2276-9).

Finalmente, los enfermos y los ancianos obtienen amor sacrificial de su familia y comunidad; no debemos resentirnos por eso, sino agradecerles y asegurarles que *no* son 'olvidados', 'inútiles' o 'no deseados'. La diferencia entre la disposición de Santa Teresita hacia la muerte y la eutanasia médica de humanos es la diferencia entre "hágase tu voluntad" y "hágase mi voluntad". Al igual que los 7 Sacramentos (o la Trinidad para el caso), el sufrimiento humano es de hecho un misterio, no en el sentido de que es irracional o sin resolver, ¡sino en el sentido de que su significado es inagotable! Confiemos, pues, en nuestro buen Señor, incluso ante las tinieblas, porque es allí donde Su luz puede brillar con mayor esplendor.

Padre James



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo

Vigilia: Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8a. 16-20b o Ez 37, 1-4 o Jl 3, 1-5; Sal 103, 1-2a. 24 y 35c. 27-28. 29bc-30; Rom 8, 22-27; Jn 7, 37-39 Vigilia Extensa: Gn 11, 1-9; Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7; Ex 19, 3-8a. 16-20b; Dan 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 o Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Ez 37, 1-14; Sal 106, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Jl 3, 1-5; Sal 103, 1-2a. 24 y 35c. 27-28. 29bc-30; Rom 8, 22-27; Jn 7, 37-39 Día: Hch 2, 1-11; Sal 103, 1ab y 24ac. 29bc-30. 31 y 34; 1 Cor 12, 3b-7. 12-13 o Gal 5, 16-25; Jn 20, 19-23 o Jn 15, 26 -27; 16, 12-15

Lunes

Gén 3, 9-15. 20 o Hch 1, 12-14; Sal 86, 1-2. 3 y 5. 6-7; Jn 19, 25-

34

Martes

Sir 35, 1-15; Sal 49, 5-6. 7-8. 14

y 23; Mc 10, 28-31

Miércoles

Sof 3, 14-18 o Rom 12, 9-16; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Lc 1, 39-56

Jueves

Sir 42, 15-26; Sal 32, 2-3. 4-5. 6-

7. 8-9; Mc 10, 46-52

<u>Viernes</u>

Sir 44, 1. 9-13; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a y 9b; Mc 11, 11-26

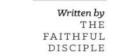
Sábado

Domingo

Sir 51, 17-27; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Mc 11, 27-33

Ex 34, 4b-6. 8-9; Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56; 2 Cor 13, 11-13; Jn 3,

16-18



May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11 | 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20: 19-23



As a college student, I found myself sitting near the information desk during a layover at a German airport. This was in the days before mobile phones and Google Translate. I remember being so impressed that the two young women behind the desk were able to answer questions in so many languages without missing a beat. Whether it was Spanish, French, German or English, each traveler heard an answer in their own language. I often think that must have been what it was like for the travelers to Jerusalem during Pentecost. They were in an unfamiliar place and yet God spoke to them in a way they could understand. And the beautiful thing about the Pentecost story is that it is not just relating one single moment in time. Instead, it is the start of the Holy Spirit's ministry here on earth, and in our baptism, we, too, receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit." (ccc 1285) We, too, are given the tools to go forth and speak to others even when we are afraid they may not understand. Let us remember St. Paul's words from the second reading: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." And then let us go out and use those gifts for the greater glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The idea of evangelizing is uncomfortable for many people. Sure, it was fine for the disciples to go out and start talking to strangers, but us? No way. However, evangelization doesn't have to mean starting conversations on the street (although it can!). Instead, it might be making the sign of the cross before a meal in a restaurant, mentioning Mass when a co-worker asks what you did over the weekend, or displaying a crucifix in your home where visitors will see it. In these small ways, we can encourage others to open the door for God to "shine within these hearts of yours," as today's Gospel Sequence says.

PRAY St. Paul reminds us today that we are all "baptized into one body" and "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." In today's divisive world, it can be difficult to remember that. Let us pray for one another knowing that all Christians – even those who may annoy us – are joined together in the same body of Christ. Specifically, have as your at-the-ready prayer this week for all circumstances, the following: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.







Father Michael and Father James invite you and your family to join them on Sunday, June 11th the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, as they lead the Our Lady of Mercy annual Corpus Christi Procession. All are very welcome.

The procession will take place immediately following the 12pm Mass. It will then make its way around the Church grounds.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, witnesses the Church Universal giving homage and thanks to Jesus Christ who instituted the Holy Eucharist, the Church's greatest treasure.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is celebrated either on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or the following Sunday. The feast was instituted by Pope Urban IV in 1246.



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Our Lady of Mercy has been built by the generosity of many faithful souls. Thanks to your countless acts of service, innumerable hours of prayer, and unwavering financial support, we have continued to provide the people of our area with what every heart longs for: a place of belonging, growth, support and above all, Our Lord. We now have another opportunity that will only be possible with the same generosity - a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Having a dedicated adoration chapel will allow private prayer and adoration to be uninterrupted and more regularly available.

We are blessed to already have the space needed for the project by renovating the Ministry Room. The general contractor has quoted the plans at just over \$250,000, which does not include fixtures like the tabernacle, monstrance, or pews. With those additional expenditures, the project's total cost will be just over \$275,000.

Please consider giving an additional one-time donation outside of your Sunday offertory to this beautiful project as best as you are able. Donations can be made using the special envelopes located in the Narthex or by donating via our website at www.olmercy.com, click on "Give" and log in to Online Giving and choose "Adoration Chapel and More".

May this project be a blessing to you, to your family, and to our community for generations to come!

Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop (designed specifically for spousal loss) will be held at St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois.

The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program) No overnight available at this site.

Where: St. Julie's Parish, (approximately 159th & Harlem Ave.) Tinley Park, Illinois 60477-1398

For further information, call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

Rummage Sale Donations Needed!

CAN YOU HELP????

DONATIONS:

Getting rid of stuff around the house? Please consider donating to our Rummage Sale!

Items can be dropped off before or after Masses the weekend of June 3/4 (no earlier than 4pm on Sat.) or from 12-5pm on Monday-Thursday, June 5-8 in the multi-purpose room located in the Parish Life Center.

★ Donations Requested:

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- All items must be in GOOD condition.
- Clothing must have no stains or holes (Please safety pin pieces of outfits together!!)
- All electrical/battery operated items must be in working condition.
 - We'll take books, clothing, household items, small appliances, knick-knacks, toys, bikes (no flat tires), puzzles, etc.
 - PLEASE do not send things that are in disrepair and unusable.
 - No mattresses OR TVs will be accepted.

 (All items not sold will be donated to the SVDP society.)

The Sale is:

Friday, June 9th; 9:00am-4:00pm Saturday, June 10th; 9:00am-5:30pm Sunday, June 11th; 8:00am-2:00pm (After Masses)

NO Early Arrivals Please!

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Teen Summer Mission Trip!

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Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 1,333,811 \$ 1,346,400 Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget \$ **Amount Short of Budget** (12,589)\$ 28,414 05/14/23 Sunday Collection \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 30,600 \$ **Amount Short of Goal** (2,186)

For the Budget Year 2022/23 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 2%, to \$30,600/week, to help expand our various Ministries.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

Parish Life Center (Const	ruct	tion Loan)
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
April, 2023	\$	377,063
May, 2023	\$	365,613

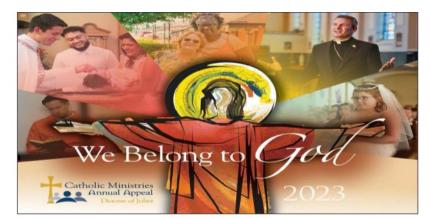


God's Love Poured Out | Episode 1

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.





CMAA Pledge Report

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal	\$ 141,900
Amount Pledged	\$ 162,653
Amount Paid	\$ 121,806
Remaining Balance	\$ 40,847
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	463

Online Giving

Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at www.olmercy.com and click "Give" located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page.

Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.

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Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 85	1-3468
Monday-Thursday	8:30am-4:00pm
Friday	8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass)	6:30pm
Tuesday 8:00	am, 6:30pm
Wednesday	12:00pm
Thursday6:30	am, 8:00am
Saturday	8:30am
Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)	4:00pm
Sunday8:00am, 10:00am,12:00pm,	and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

Confessions

Tuesday		7:00-8:00pm
Saturday	9:00-10:00am,	1:30-2:30pm
1st Fridays of the Month		8:30-9:15am
Or by Appointment		

Prayer Chapel

Open weekday	/S	7:00am 8:00am
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Adoration

Monday & Thursday	8:30am-6:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-12:00pm
First Friday of the Month	12:00pm

Benediction

New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirement Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

Weddings

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

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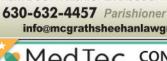


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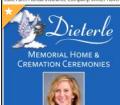
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